



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2007

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Southwest Church of God, 3032 S. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48217.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley (**ABS**)
Mohamed Okdie (**ABS**)
Willie Hampton (**ABS**)
Arthur Blackwell II (**ABS**)
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman
DC Daniel O'Neill
DC Chester Logan
DC Jamie Fields
DC Joyce Motley
2nd DC Deborah Robinson
Cmdr. William Hudson
Cmdr. Walter Long
Cmdr. Herbert Moreland
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. James Tolbert
Cmdr. Brian Davis
Cmdr. Eric Ewing
Lt. Jeffery Romeo
Lt. Robin Kirkwood-Farrar
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Russell Decrease

Lt. Dennis Johnson
Sgt. Mary Daritiche
Sgt. Christopher Cole
Sgt. Manuel Gutterez
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Robin Williams
PO Alfonso Ruiz
PO John Eldrington
PO Yolanda Sharpe

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Rosalia Madrigal, Senior Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Angy Webb
Sandra Blessett
Dora Jackson
Naomi Everett
Reginald Trent
Willie Mae Baker
William Braggs
John McDarnell
Lisa Nuskowski
Trish Cunningham
Yvonne Frye
Josephine Smith
Asst. Pastor Frank Hill

Barbara Reynolds
Rosiabelle Wells
Bernice Montgomery
Betty Goodgame
Edward Moore
Sol Baker
Ben Dickerson
Richard Corbett
Ron Scott
Willie Moore
Charlie Thomas
Orelia Kimball

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Comm. Ramirez called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

Comm. Ramirez thanked Dr. Wyatt and Southwest Church of God, for hosting this community meeting.

Comm. Ramirez read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Asst. Pastor Hill welcomed everyone to Southwest Church of God and stated that the doors are always open.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for June 14, 2007, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for June 7, 2007, were not presented given the lack of a quorum.

4. **BOPC OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. CHAIRPERSON

Comm. Ramirez stated it was a great experience to participate in the Mental Health Forum earlier today. She asked the Chief to say a few remarks about it.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it should be a great opportunity for a great partnership with the Wayne County Mental Health Department and the Detroit Police Department. The training with the Mental Health Department will assist the officers to do a better job.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	36	735
		0.5 Decrease
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	38	593
		19% Increase

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 131 cases for the month of June.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 4 cases to the Chief's Office for the month of June.
- The Chief's Office has a total of 1,967 active investigations, of which 662 of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	3
DEMEANOR	18
FORCE	4
ENTRY	3
HARASSMENT	0
PROCEDURE	17
PROPERTY	1
SEARCH	0
SERVICE	10

TOTAL **56**

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	4
HOMICIDE	0
SW. DIST	4
CENT. DIST	2
EAST. DIST	3
WEST. DIST.	3
NW DIST.	5
GAMING	0
NARCOTICS	0
COMM/OPS	5
VICE ENFOR.	0
NE. DIST	8
TATICAL	2

TOTAL **36**

Comm. Ramirez asked Supervising Inv. Cromwell to give an overview of the Office of the Chief Investigator.

Supervising Inv. Cromwell stated that the OCI assists the police department by handling citizen complaints. They have a team of investigators that is comprised of both civilians and sworn personnel. Complaints are taken via phone, email, fax, letter, and walk-ins. The complainant, witnesses, and officers will all be interviewed to determine if the allegation of a complaint is true. A report will be forwarded to the Chief Investigator who will forward it to the Board of Police Commissioners to review. The Chief of Police then reviews the final report and a finding letter is forwarded to the complainant.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of June 4, 2007 through June 10, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 28 search warrants and 51 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 25 Felony arrests
- 108 Misdemeanor arrests
- 4 Juveniles detained
- 818.40 grams of cocaine, 60.1 grams of heroin, 13,590.70 grams of marijuana and 10 pills with a total street value:
- \$ 490,002.80
- \$ 8,675.000 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 6 Handguns

EASTERN DISTRICT

On June 8th, officers assigned to the Eastern District were informed that a woman was in a vehicle outside the District ready to give birth to a baby. **Thanks to the quick response of the officers, a healthy baby boy was delivered within minutes without any complications. Mother and baby are doing fine.**



“BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS”

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION	Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
	13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
	19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**

Thursday, June 21, 2007

@ 3:00 P.M.

**DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1300 BEAUBIEN ST., SUITE 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

Police / Community Intervention

JUNE 14, 2007



CENTRAL DISTRICT

On June 8th, officers of the Central District responded to a "Breaking & Entering in Progress" in the 2000 block of W. Warren. Upon obtaining the identity of two suspects, officers quickly apprehended both suspects who were charged with Breaking & entering a Building, Malicious Destruction of Property, Habitual 3rd, and Habitual 4th.

WESTERN DISTRICT

On June 8th, officers of the Western District were patrolling the 6000 block of Pilgrim, due to complaints of squatters and narcotic activity in the area. As a result of their investigation, officers observed a suspect force entry into a location armed with a weapon. The suspect was quickly apprehended and charged with Carrying Concealed Weapon. The weapon was recovered.



SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On June 6th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to a "Robbery Citizen" call in the area of Grand River and Indiana. Due to their quick response, a suspect was apprehended and charged with Robbery Not Armed.



GANG ENFORCEMENT

On June 7th, officers assigned to Gang Enforcement received information on a driver of a vehicle armed with a weapon. Officers observed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. As a result of their investigation, a weapon was recovered and the driver was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon Motor Vehicle."



Chief Bull-Cummings introduced all staff that was present, and then introduced DC Barden-Jackson of the Southwestern District.

DC Barden-Jackson introduced the Cmdr. Ewing, Cmdr. Moreland, and the rest of the staff of the Southwestern District.

DC Barden-Jackson gave a brief overview of the Southwestern District and its current endeavors.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

DC Barden-Jackson stated that she along with DC Logan and Cmdr. Powell, are currently working on The Rapid Response Program and would have additional information at a later date. She asked Sgt. Guitterez to speak on the Joshua Project. When the Attorney General dismantled the program, the unit that is working the project continued under the name of Detroit Investigative Crime Enforcement (DICE).

Sgt. Guitterez stated that project Joshua was started in the Southwestern District three yeas ago. This program allowed police investigators to work closely with the Attorney General. This allowed them to call the Attorney General 24/7 to execute search and arrest warrants. The program ended when the Attorney General pulled out this year. DC Barden-Jackson went to the Chief to ask her to let them continue the program. The cases that they handle are all gun related cases. He stated this program has been very successful.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many are in your unit.

Sgt. Guitterez stated seven (7) investigators, and Sgt. Hensberry.

Comm. Ramirez asked is this throughout the City of Detroit

Sgt. Guitterez stated no, only the Southwestern District.

Comm. Ramirez asked have you gotten the word out to organizations in the district to let them know what you do.

Sgt. Guitterez stated most of the people in the community know what they do.

DC Barden-Jackson stated they are working to get that out and let the public know that even though the name has changed, the program still exists.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many females are in the unit.

DC Barden-Jackson stated as of now there aren't any.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it was real controversial when the Attorney General decided to pull out, and DC Barden-Jackson did come on behalf of the officers and asked is there a way to continue. When that happens Prosecutor Kim Worthy assigned an assistant prosecuting attorney to the district so that this program could continue. This district has the biggest reduction in homicide crimes this year.

DC Barden-Jackson stated the district is doing a crime walk at 12 noon at Damon Park this Saturday. At this walk, a package that consists of Southwestern District's most wanted will be handed out.

Comm. Ramirez asked does the Southwestern District have Explorers.

DC Barden-Jackson stated yes, and they are trying to recruit more.

She acknowledged the Radio Patrol that borders the Southwestern and the Western Districts.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Ms. Laura Delgado, a native of Mexico, moved to Detroit in 1979, and resides in Southwest Detroit. She is the proud mother of Brenda, Saul, and Pedro Hernandez; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado is the community/school Liaison Coordinator for Caesar Chavez Elementary School. As coordinator of the parenting group, Ms. Delgado has developed and enhanced the educational environment for parents of school aged children. She works in partnership with the local schools to provide caring adults the tools needed to become great parents, and ultimately provides a better home environment for our children; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado's goals as a Community Liaison include creating a safer school environment; mentoring students and parents; serving as a liaison with courts, social services and other city-based community programs; and educating students and parents in crime prevention; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado was previously employed at the Latino Family Services in Southwest Detroit, where she served as a Parenting Educational Specialist for 9 years; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado loves to volunteer wherever she is needed in the community. She helped to pioneer Angel's Night, which has been a success year after year. She also dedicates numerous hours as a volunteer for the Working Center located at the UAW Hall on Michigan Avenue, and somehow still finds the time to volunteer at the Family Services Center in Southwest Detroit; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado has been actively involved in the development of our youth, including being a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for two years; and

WHEREAS Ms. Delgado is the recipient of several outstanding leadership awards for her dedication and commitment to the community and local area schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department; acknowledges the generosity and positive contributions of Ms. Laura Delgado. Her selfless service and dedication to the betterment of citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Laura Delgado.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
June 14, 2007 Commissioner

The adoption of the Resolution for Ms. Delgado was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 21, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

J. Smith stated she would like to invite everyone to their community meeting which meets every 3rd Thursday at St. Benedict Hall. Her group has established a collaboration between Ecorse, River Rouge, Lincoln Park and Detroit to bring together different culture groups.

E. Moore stated he is here on behalf of Councilman Kwame Kenyetta and is a resident of this neighborhood.

J. Smith stated she wanted to know why there weren't any police present in this neighborhood.

DC Barden-Jackson stated the complaints that she gets from this neighborhood is that the officers are down here but they want them on their side of the street, but they are visible in this area.

R. Corbett stated he wanted to let this body know that something has to be done about the speeding on Bassett.

R. Davis stated there is an abandoned house with the hedges 10 feet tall and wanted to know if something can be done about it.

Comm. Ramirez stated you need to call your local City Hall and they will assist you.

L. Nuszowski stated she is the Chief of Staff for the state representative that oversees the 12th District. If you have issues about City services, please feel free to call her office at 313 841-2240.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb